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Littlerock Man Pleads to Having Fighting Roosters

A 47-year-old man has pleaded no contest to owning several gamecocks, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Daniel Rochmes said Inocencio Rodríguez Aguirre of Littlerock entered the plea to three misdemeanor counts of possession of a bird for fighting in case 4AVo1360.

Aguirre is scheduled to be sentenced on March 26 in Department A4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch. He is expected to be sentenced to three years of summary probation, 40 days of community service and animal cruelty counseling.

Police discovered approximately 150 game birds in the defendant's Littlerock home on Feb. 27, 2014, according to the prosecutor.

Twenty-eight of the roosters were in fighting trim with their combs and wattles cut to prevent injuries during a fight and their spurs filed down so blades could be attached, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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